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CITY'S STORE OPENS MONDAY

Government Clothing and Food-stuff Will Be Sold for Two Days Here.

THE QUANTITY IS LIMITED

Early Purchasing Is Advised by Those Who Are Desirous of Securing Goods.

Bills of lading for the army goods purchased from the government by the City of Alma, for sale to Alma people, have been received, and it is confidently expected that the sale can be held on Monday and Tuesday and this coming week, and it is being advertised for these two days by the city officials.

The purchasers of the goods were disappointed in some respects as some of the goods ordered could not be shipped, owing to a shortage at the Detroit warehouses. In this list is the strip bacon of which over a ton had been ordered which was expected to be sold for twenty cents per pound. Only sixty-six cans of strip bacon have been obtained for the present sale, which will be sold at 23c per pound.

Some rare bargains are to be obtained in the clothing lines which are certain to go fast. None of the stocks of these goods are large.

In foodstuffs the city will be able to offer for sale six hundred cans of tomatoes, twelve hundred cans of sweet corn, twelve hundred cans of peas, six hundred cans of baked beans, ninety-six cans of mock turtle soup, and as many cans of pepper. In view of the fact that there is certain to be a great demand for these goods the city officials who will direct the sale will make a limit of twelve cans of any one kind of goods to a person.

It was stated Tuesday by the city officials that one or two merchants were objecting to the sale, and they were at a loss to understand why any business man should take such a view, in that the sale was requested of the city officials and also in view of the great savings that Alma people can make in this way.

It is also understood that if the sale meets with the success with which it is expected to meet that within the coming few weeks the city will purchase another supply of the army goods which the government is endeavoring to sell, with a view of doing their part in aiding the disposing of these goods with the smallest possible loss to the government.

MAKING A HIT

Series of Sermons Based on Replies to Letters Attracting Many.

A full house greeted Rev. Duffey of the M. E. church Sunday evening, when he gave the second of a series of sermons based upon replies to questions which he had asked of men in every walk of life. From expressions heard following the sermon it was evident that some people expected that the issue of the sermon would be sidestepped somewhat, but it was met fairly and squarely, and answered well.

Sunday evening the third of the series will be given, this sermon being "What Shall a Minister Preach?" Following are a few of the answers to the questions which were asked by Rev. Duffey:

Church's Mission, etc.
"The church should promote neighborliness, honest business, better morals and citizenship, cleaner politics, etc., with the centralized proposition of soul saving."—A prominent politician of Michigan.
"To help men to a spiritual interpretation of life."—A college president.

Its Faults
"Indefiniteness; sprinkling holy water on us when we need a bath."—An Alma merchant.

"Run on too small a program. Members do not appreciate the bigness of the church's task and are not ready to give their time to its work."—A Michigan millionaire and employer of many men.
"The almost fatal mistake of leaving the amusements of the people to those who encourage them for purely money making purposes."—The managing editor of one of Michigan's great dailies.

Best Thing to be Said for the Church
"The greatest power for good in our civilization. The cradle of good thoughts; the home of morality; the shrine of hope. When calamity threatens, when death knocks at the door of life, they rush to the only relief which humanity offers—the church and the preacher."—A very prominent U. S. Senator.

"The best thing to be said for the church after all is said and done, is that it is the final bulwark of the people. When a marriage ceremony or a funeral is to be conducted, the minister is invited to do it. The church has far greater power in the land than some people believe. It strengthens every human institution. Sweep away the churches and we would return to barbarism."—A former governor of a great mid-western state, not a member of an Evangelical church.

RED CROSS SEALS

First Ten Days of December To Be Devoted To Tuberculosis Seal Sale.

"The strongest force of the Red Cross Christmas Seal is felt in the communities in which it is sold," said Dr. Chas. J. Hatfield managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association, recently, in discussing the 1919 Red Cross Seal sale which will be held from December 1 to December 10, "because it develops the local fight against the disease by educating the people."

Through a budget system adopted by the National Tuberculosis Association and the 1000 state and local organizations affiliated with it, about 92 percent of the funds raised in any state are spent there to fight the great white plague at home.

"The funds have been used to show that hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, sanatoria, open air schools, and other things are necessities for the cure and prevention of tuberculosis. Members of local and state associations have backed up requests for hospitals or clinics, by making demonstrations throughout the community. They have requested nurses from health boards, and to show the need for them, have hired nurses and begun surveys to detect unsuspected cases of the disease."

"The local campaigns against tuberculosis have succeeded in practically every case through the work done in education, demonstration and supervision by the association, using the funds from Red Cross Seals."

WORK ON FACTORY PROCEEDING RAPIDLY

Plant of Northern Wheel Co. Is Now Rapidly Nearing Completion.

Henry H. Soule, local contractor, who is erecting the plant of the Northern Wheel company of this city, is rushing the work on the building just as rapidly as possible, and the walls are now nearing completion and it is expected that within a few days workmen will start putting the roof on one end of the structure.

As soon as the roof is started workmen will begin to lay the block flooring, after which the machinery will be set. It is expected that most of the machinery will be in place by December 1, and hopes are now entertained that the plant will be able to begin operations by the middle of next month.

The boiler for the heating plant has arrived, and the work of installing it is to be started within a few days. The work of putting in the steam pipes throughout the building has already been started, and it is expected that by the time the boiler is in place, this work will have been completed, and that the pipes may be connected up with the boiler.

There have been a few minor delays in some matters pertaining to the construction of the building, but on the whole the work has been proceeding in a manner that is highly satisfactory to the officials of the company, who are most anxious to get into the new structure and get operations under way.

There is still some little stock left of the last issue of \$50,000, which was offered about two weeks ago to the public, and those who are desirous of securing any of this block of stock should immediately avail themselves of the opportunity as it is going rapidly. Inquiries as to the stock may be made at the offices of the company in the Wright Estate block on State street.

MORE SAFETY

Steps Are Taken to Make Local Bank Far Safer Place Than in Past.

The large number of robberies, which have been taking place in all parts of the country during the past few months, has determined the officers of the Alma State Savings bank to seek better protection, and as a result a new alarm system has been installed in the banking home.

An eighteen inch bell has been placed over the main entrance to the cashier's, teller's, and other windows by push buttons, as well as with the vault. Other push buttons are located at handy places within the bank, so that in case of need, the alarm bell over the door can be sounded with such little effort that thieves probably would not realize that it was being done until the peal of the bell is heard.

As an additional protection for the patrons of the bank, Karl R. Adams, cashier, announced Tuesday that the bank would accept the Liberty Bonds of the patrons, giving a receipt for them, and place them in the vault. The bonds thus taken care of by the bank are covered by indemnity insurance, he stated.

It is understood that the bank is at the present time contemplating other improvements, which will be of great benefit to the patrons of the banking institution, but these have not yet gone far enough to warrant publicity.

It is the intention of Mr. Adams to try out the new burglar alarm at the bank about 3:00 p. m. Saturday that Alma people may get an opportunity to get the sound that it will make.

Wallace Reid—Idlehour, Mon. and Tues.—adv.

ALMA WILL HAVE LYCEUM COURSE

Six Numbers on Course Which Will Be Given for Local People This Winter.

SOME ATTRACTIVE NUMBERS

Course Will Open Early in December and Final Event Will Be in March.

Alma is now assured of a lyceum course this year, according to an announcement which has been made, and which contains a list of the attractions that Alma people will have the opportunity of hearing during the winter months.

The place for holding the attractions this year has not been definitely decided upon, but it is rather expected that the Presbyterian church will be utilized for this purpose this winter. Full details of the course will be announced later.

Six attractions are on the course for the winter's entertainment of Alma people, including some that are of a very timely interest, and which are certain to attract a large audience.

The first number of the lyceum course will be John Kendrick Bangs, America's foremost humorist, who will appear here on Monday, December 8. For a number of years this noted author, editor and lecturer has been one of the greatest favorites of the chautauqua and the lyceum. Of late he has been in Europe and it is expected that his appearance here will bring out many things of interest which he learned there.

A oratorio, under the direction of Professor Hosmer of Alma college will be held on December 17. This attraction is certain to be at the Presbyterian church. A number of outside soloists have been especially engaged for this attraction.

Ralph Dennis will be in Alma on January 21, for the third number of the course. "Russia and the Bolsheviks" will be his lecture, and his travels through that country and his close study of the people and conditions have fitted him well for the lecture.

The Whitmore Trio and Emerson Williams will furnish the fourth attraction. Those who love music are certain to be charmed by that which will be given that night.

Maud Ballington Booth, "The Little Mother of the Prisoners" will be here with a wonderful message on February 15, as the fifth number on the course. There is little question but what she is America's foremost woman orator, and the message that she has is a wonderful one, and is well worth hearing.

On March 3, Margaret Stahl, America's foremost woman interpreter of plays will appear in Alma for the final number of the lyceum course. This number will also be a highly attractive one.

ENLARGE STORE

Fortino Brothers Are Preparing to Enlarge Their Business.

The firm of Fortino Brothers, wholesale and retail fruit dealers of this city, are enlarging their store on East Superior street, opposite the city hall, with a view of further extending their local business during the coming months.

The partition in the store has been moved almost to the back of the building, thus more than doubling the floor space in the store. This back portion will be set off from the fruit and candy store, in an attractive way, the entrance to which will be gained through a large archway, which will have a large artistically arranged electric light on each side. The entire store is to be redecorated, and the back partition will be finished entirely in white. It is the intention of the proprietors to put a high class soda fountain in this part of the store. It is expected that there will be room for at least twenty tables each of which will accommodate four people.

It is expected that it will take some little time to get the store entirely redecorated, and all of the necessary work done, so that it will be after the first of the year before the new soda fountain is installed and the public served with soda water and soft drinks.

With the growth of the city in the east, and the business seemingly headed in that direction the proprietors of the store believe that they will have a profitable business in this line.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

The eighth district W. C. T. U. convention was held at Owosso, October 22-23, and was one of the best meetings the Union has ever had. Five subjects: "World Prohibition," "Americanization," "Child Welfare," "Women in Industry," and "Health and Morality," were prominent features of the program. The following officers for the District were chosen:

President, Mrs. Mary McGee of Owosso; vice president, Mrs. Grace Sibley, Saginaw; Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. S. C. Gage, Saginaw; Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. Minnie Crandell, Alma; Treasurer, Mrs. Etta Killian, Carleton.

Best candies. DeLuxe.—77-1f-c

ARMISTICE DAY No Attempt Made to Stage an Armistice Celebration in Alma.

Although there was probably not a person in Alma who did not ponder deeply on the significance of the day, Tuesday, there was no real attempt here to observe the day with a celebration, with a gigantic street parade, and such as the spontaneous one of a year ago when word flashed around the world that peace had come.

Recognizing the real meaning of the day, however, classes were dismissed at Alma College, following the chapel service, at which the Hon. William A. Bahlke gave a short address on the League of Nations, and the students enjoyed a holiday.

In the middle of the afternoon the employees of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. were given a few hours off, that the day might not pass, without their having full opportunity to think of the day of one year ago and to resolve anew to be more worthy of those millions of brave Americans who faced the foe.

During the day school children, and at noon, truck drivers, with a string of trucks, drove through the city, making all possible noise, this being the nearest approach to a street parade that was had during the entire day.

GRATIOT COUNTY TREASURER RESIGNS

W. C. Folkert Quits Office Because of Ill Health and Sid. Evey Is Appointed.

Willard C. Folkert, treasurer of Gratiot county has resigned his position because of ill health, and Sidney Evey of Sumner has been appointed as county treasurer to succeed him.



W. C. FOLKERT

The retiring county treasurer was elected at the last general election over Mr. Evey, and previous to that time had been a highway commissioner, and clerk in Wheeler township for a number of years on the Gratiot County Board of Supervisors.



SIDNEY EVEY

In order that he might accept the position to which he was appointed to succeed his former Republican opponent for the primary nomination, Mr. Evey, who has been serving the township of Sumner as supervisor, found it necessary to resign the township office.

Mr. Evey has purchased a residence in Ithaca and will move there just as soon as possible to take up his new duties as treasurer of the county.

FIRE PREVENTION

City Manager Reynolds Works Out New Method for Fire Prevention.

William E. Reynolds, city engineer, has worked out a method of aiding in fire prevention, which will carry the campaign through the public schools of this city, educating the young to matters which should be observed in this respect, and will also give data on nearly every home in Alma in regard to fire danger.

A home inspection blank has been prepared for the use of the pupils, which is to be given to them by the instructors of the various grades, which after being filled out by the pupils are to be returned to the teachers, and will then go to Manager Reynolds.

Among the pertinent questions to be answered on the blank are those relating to rubbish in the attic, and basement of the houses, and in the yards, etc.; condition of chimneys, pipes, etc.; protection of walls, partitions, etc.; condition of chimneys, whether or not gasoline is kept in the house, and other important questions dealing with fire prevention.

Proper answers to these questions will enable the city to get a definite line on the condition of nearly every house in the city and make known such places as are in need of changed conditions to do away with unnecessary risks.

Circulation counts—we have it.

THOUSAND DOLLAR CLUB IS STARTED

Solicitors Are Now Out Seeking Memberships for Giant Building Fund.

DETAILS ARE GIVEN OUT

Plans of Club Insure Ample Funds for Home Building Process in Alma.

Plans of operation for The Thousand Dollar Club, which is being formed here, and by which it is hoped to solve the greatest problem that the city is facing—that of the shortage of homes—have been announced and it is certain from the way that the plan has been received by the few to whom it has been unfolded, that it is certain to meet with instant satisfaction among the thinking people of the city, those hundreds of people, who have been seeking a safe place in which to invest their small funds in such a way that they will yield a good profit, and yet be invested in such a way as to be safe.

Not only will the plan meet with the hearty approval of such people, but it is certain to meet with another great demand, which has been made for months on the part of people, who have been desirous of building homes, but who lacked a part of the funds needed to build the dwelling. This club has the solution for the problem, and will enable hundreds of Alma people in such circumstances to erect homes for themselves or to rent. This is the prime object of the club.

To people of modest circumstances, as well as others, is the club open, and all of them can obtain the financial benefits that are to be derived therefrom. Those who join the club are asked to put into the club just \$7.50 per month for one hundred months, a total of \$750.00. For this amount they will receive back \$1,000, the increased amount being the earnings of the money placed with the club. This makes it possible for anyone to save his first one thousand dollars, or to acquire another, with an investment that is easy, and yet which is absolutely safe, as the money is put out on first mortgages to home owners, and is drawing seven percent interest during the life of the club.

The club thus promises to be an easy way to save, and will enable many an Alma person to save his or her first one thousand dollars, and it should be remembered that it is the first one thousand dollars that is the hardest to save. It can be saved so easily, that after the first few months of club membership, the club saving method will have become a real thrift habit, opening up avenues of success that before were not deemed possible.

The fact that the books of the company are audited three times a year, once by the state, makes it certain that the money paid into the club will be invested wisely and honestly, making your funds secure. It is the more secure, in that the proposition is being backed by the Board of Trade which consists of nearly every business man of the city, nearly every one of whom has already taken one or more memberships in the club.

As this money is paid into the club, a fund is made from which it is possible to loan to prospective home builders, who lack some of the money needed to erect a house in Alma. A first mortgage is received for the money loaned, from which seven per cent interest is secured.

Each month the loan fund of the club becomes greater, through payments which are constantly being made into the club by the members, and by interest which is coming from mortgages.

It offers one of the safest investments that Alma people, as a whole have ever been offered, and it promises to cause no hardship to be able to share in the benefits to be derived.

It has for its object more homes for Alma that the city may continue to hold its place in the front rank of central Michigan cities. It seeks to do away with the great housing need that is now existing, and which promises to be greater within the coming few months, if something is not done to change conditions. Business men and others who are watching conditions closely in Alma believe that the city will need hundreds of homes in the coming months, as they feel confident that Alma, with homes, can offer industries a city full of promise that will be so attractive that many will seek to make Alma their headquarters, enlarging and enriching the city even more rapidly than in the past few years.

Flint has become one of Michigan's greatest cities in this way. Detroit, Pontiac, Saginaw, Port Huron, Bay City, Muskegon, Lansing, and many other Michigan cities have enjoyed a huge growth by providing homes for the growth in this way. They have seized the opportunities by the forelock.

This city has these same possibilities offered to her. United action of Alma people is all that is needed to make Alma, a "Wonder City of Michigan," and the Board of Trade,

and its building committee, having full confidence in the public spiritedness, the industry, the co-operation, and the desire to achieve, of the citizens of the community, have evolved this plan with a full hearted desire to make Alma a larger and more beautiful place to which to live.

Information regarding The Thousand Dollar club can be secured from any of the leading business or professional men of the city or will be cheerfully extended by either of the Alma banks.

NEW SHOP

G. A. Giles and L. J. Archer to Open New Tire Shop Here.

A partnership has been formed by G. A. Giles, proprietor of the G. A. Giles Tire Shop, which was recently moved to Lansing, and L. J. Archer of this city, who expect to open a first class tire shop here as soon as a suitable location can be secured. Mr. Giles has been in the tire business in this city for some few years past and his ability in this line is well known to Alma automobile owners.

Mr. Archer is also well known among Alma people as a hustler, and has been connected with the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., and the X-Cell-All Paint company here in the past.

The young men are not certain yet just how soon they will be able to secure a location and open for business, but it is not expected that it will be more than two or three weeks at the outside.

OLD RESIDENT OF CITY DIED FRIDAY

Henry E. Walton, Highly Respected Resident, Dead After Long Illness.

Henry E. Walton, a well known resident of this city for the past twenty years died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. N. Baker, on State street, Friday evening, after some few months of illness caused from a paralytic stroke suffered in August.

Henry Ernest Walton, was born in Oxford, England, December 26, 1846, and died in Alma, Michigan, November 7, 1919.

He came to the United States in 1865 and for a number of years resided in Oberlin and Elyria, Ohio, where he was prominent in church and temperance work. In Elyria he was married to Mary J. Stone, March 6, 1872. To them were born Rufus S., who died in 1915; and Mary Elizabeth, wife of L. N. Baker of this city. He removed to Midland, Michigan, in 1886, and came to Alma in 1899 and continued a citizen of this city the remainder of his life. His widow, daughter, and a brother, Joseph Walton, of Victor, Colorado, survive him.

Soon after coming to Alma he became associated with his son-in-law, L. N. Baker, in the general store business here until ill-health caused him to retire about a year ago. Last August he suffered a paralytic stroke and gradually failing but maintaining Christian cheerfulness and fortitude, he entered into rest last Friday evening.

Mr. Walton was a member of the Church of England, but on coming to this country identified himself with the Baptist church in which communion he remained a faithful and sincere Christian man, a dependable teacher in the Sunday School, a senior deacon in the church, and a wise steward of the means God gave him, having an open hand for many good causes. He was a choice man and brother, a gentle, genial spirit who radiated good will to men; his cordial greeting was an invitation to fellowship.

He kept his heart young through sympathy with children and young people and was a regular attendant at their church gatherings.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Funeral services were held at the family residence on State street, Monday the 10th, inst. at 2 p. m. Rev. J. W. Priest, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Jackson of St. John's Episcopal church. Appropriate music was rendered by the quartette of the Baptist church assisted by Miss Ruth Palmer. The numerous and beautiful floral offerings evidenced the high regard of his many friends. Interment in Riverside cemetery.

FIRE MONDAY

The Alma fire department was called to the home of Forest Rule, corner of Eastward and Grove avenues Monday morning, where a fire had started. The blaze gained a good headway before the department was able to get to the scene, but once a few streams of water were playing on the fire, it rapidly came under control and it was only a short time before the department had the flames out. The loss is expected to be under \$1,000.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear "and only" daughter and sister Claudia Mitchell, who departed this life 1 yr. ago the 15th of November. By her mother and brother, Mrs. Ella Mitchell and Dennis.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-1f-c

FATALLY INJURED MONDAY EVENING

David T. Hannafius Knocked From Wagon to Pavement, Falling on His Head.

STRUCK BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Force of Blow Threw Man From His Seat as Car and Wagon Collided on Street.

David T. Hannafius, aged 33 years, was fatally injured Monday evening, when he was thrown from his wagon, which had been struck by an automobile driven by Victor Slater, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slater of this city.

Reports of the accident are somewhat confusing, one indicating that perhaps Mr. Hannafius was taking more than his share of the road, while the other has it that Victor Slater was not clear to the right side of the street. The intense darkness of the early evening was intensified by the fact that it had been storming.

Mr. Hannafius was returning from delivering a load of coal in the eastern part of the city, and had reached a point just to the east of the bridge on East Superior street when in that dark spot, the automobile driven by Slater crashed against the wagon, which in turn banged against the street curb, and threw Mr. Hannafius to the pavement, where he struck on his head.

Albert Ray and C. G. Falor, who happened to be coming from the east down to the business section of the city, were near the spot when the accident took place, and they quickly rushed to the scene, and aided in putting Hannafius in an automobile in which he was rushed to Brainerd hospital, where he was found to be suffering from internal injuries of such a nature as to preclude recovery.

It is deemed more than possible by some, that the fact that the pavement narrows at the bridge approach may have caused one or the other of the participants in the accident to have unwittingly taken more than his share of the street, particularly as the approach to the bridge from the east is rather dark on stormy evenings.

Victor Slater was taking two young ladies out to the Republic plant and, it is said that all three maintain that the young fellow was driving at a moderate speed, and that because of this the lights on the Ford did not show up well. They also claim that the automobile was on its own side of the road.

Seen Tuesday Mr. Ray, who was present when the accident took place, was just as certain that Mr. Hannafius was on his side of the street, and stated that the wheels of the wagon had dug into the pavement, as it skidded towards the curb, after being hit, and that this indicated that the wagon was not over two feet from the curb.

PLEASING RECITAL

Faculty Recital at Alma College Last Night A Pleasing Event.

In spite of the cold weather of last night a large number of Alma people attended the recital in the college chapel, which was given by the faculty of the Department of Music of Alma college, and greatly enjoyed the various numbers that were given.

Following is the program that was rendered:

Italian Serenade S. Maykapar
Waltz No. 35, Op. 13 Brahms
Miss Crosby

A Hunting Song Arr. by Oliver Clark
Mr. Hosmer

Romance Schutt
Rondo Capriccioso Mendelssohn
Miss Roberts

Sunset D. Buck
A Ballad of Trees and the Master Chadwick

Mr. Hosmer
The Cathedral in Gloom—Dubussy
Legend Rossetter Cole

Miss Roberts
Creation's Hymn Beethoven
Mr. Hosmer

POSTON TAKES UP WORK HERE

Chas. D. Poston of Covington, Ky., has accepted a call to the ministry of the Church of Christ in Alma, succeeding J. S. Raum, who recently resigned, and has taken up his work here.

Mr. Poston is a graduate of Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., and comes to Alma after some twelve years of ministerial experience. For a number of years he has been ministering in the eastern part of the United States, specializing in Men's work in the church, and in organization.

He brings to the work here a great fund of enthusiasm and energy, and the congregation of the Church of Christ is expecting to make great forward strides under his ministry in the new church building which they are now erecting on East Superior street.

For the present services are being conducted in the old building on Pine street, and the congregation extends a hearty welcome to all to attend services here.

Wm. S. Hart in "Wagon Tracks"—Idlehour Sunday.—adv.